

# West Check Port After Exciting Finish; 4 Point Margin

## GROUND SODDEN BUT PLAY GOOD

Teams Combining Smartly Play Sound Football; Bennetts Scores 4 Of 6 Goals

### CHAPLIN'S GREAT DEFENCE

(BY STEVE McKEE)

PORT Adelaide's succession of wins was ended by West at Adelaide Oval yesterday after a thrilling encounter in which the issue remained in doubt right to the final bell. Considering

the sodden state of the ground and the slippery ball play was of fine quality. It was inevitable that there would be a lot of kicking off the ground—sound tactics under the conditions—but both teams succeeded in combining smartly, and the game frequently opened out into fast, concerted action, which, combined with

close scoring from end to end, provided a most exciting spectacle. The crowd, which was much smaller than anticipated on account of the rain which fell intermittently from midday until the game began, obviously came prepared for a keen struggle, and the enthusiasm among the partisans during a gruelling last quarter gave the match a semi-final flavour.

Low scoring denotes a superiority of the defenders over the attacking sections, and the forwards' difficulty of turning on such insecure foothold as the turf presented, enabled the back men of both teams to smash innumerable attacks, and confine the ball to the vicinity of mid-field during the greater part of the afternoon.

West stood down from Port on account of a heavy cold, and Dayman came into the half-forward position. Stokes and Lawn strengthened West, who wore arm-bands in sympathy with Soloman, whose father died at Broken Hill during the week.

The teams ran out in a blinding shower, and a fitful nor-wester of no great strength decided Soloman to attack the river goal.

Both teams began at a great pace, throwing every ounce into the weight exchanges, and West pressing hotly for the first few

minutes had a goal, snatched by Whitford, and two points on the board before Port got the ball into West's defences.

A prolonged scrimmage a few yards out, with men going down like ninepins, had the crowd roaring, until Logan missed the easiest of chances from a penalty kick a few feet from goal.

Conole went down, heavily shaken in collision, and Snell dashed from mid-field to deliver to Bennetts. The latter went straight on to score West's second goal and a prolonged period of indecisive action endured until just prior to the first change, when Betts caught West's backs out of place, and snapped Port's opening goal.

Chaplin had been outstanding for West, checking Dayman closely, and taking full toll of Port's misdirected kicking from mid-field. Port attacked strongly in the second term, but West's defence remained steady, and in holding the Magpies down to two goals, left the game very open at half-time.

### DAYMAN HANDLES WET BALL SAFELY

Dayman was now showing his true form, gripping the wet ball safely in the crushes and mixing it vimfully in the incessant scrummaging which characterised the second phase. Dayman's pass to Galliford preceded Port's second goal, on the run, and Quinn put them in front with an accurate kick. West meanwhile had scored but three points.

Brilliant football with a dry ball had the crowd continuously applauding at the opening of the third quarter. Maywald marked the ball simultaneously with getting an arm over Bennett's shoulder, and a penalty kick awarded the latter, found the goal. Level pegging, and a series of spirited rushes dispatched the ball from end to end well clear of the ruckmen, who were obviously tiring under the stress of the encounter.

West forced it out on the western boundary and Dayman took full toll with a great angle goal, a long way out. Stokes brought the tallies together again with a penalty goal. The even fluctuations had stirred onlookers mightily, and in a temporary Western ascendancy Bennetts cleverly swerved past Maywald to an open goal and softly punted through.

Whitford held the ball a fraction of a second ahead of the three-quarter signal and his try went inches outside a tall post, leaving West eight points ahead. The red-and-blacks had been more often attacking since half-time, but the excellence of R. Johnson and Maywald had principally prevented West from getting too far away. Mucklow had also played grand football at centre wing, and Soloman came across on the Magpie fier at the beginning of the final term. A more exciting wind-up would not be possible. Dour slogging for several minutes left both teams with the will to win strongly implanted.

Soloman ran brilliantly around the stand

### CHAPLIN WAS LIKE ROCK IN DEFENCE

What would have happened had the day remained fine is of course idle conjecture, and doubtless these teams will have another tilt at headquarters at the end of the season, when the problem may be solved. Chaplin was like a rock in defence. He was particularly effective in the early stages when the ball and ground were at their worst.

Payne roved capably, invariably getting his kick, and worked smartly in combination with Snell on several occasions. Neither Snell or Conole shone conspicuously. The centre was a mud patch that prevented them working as skilfully as usual, and as both teams used the wings extensively, the pivots had few chances.

Bennetts' four goals were invaluable in such a low scoring game, and it was fitting that his final shot should have decided the issue. Soloman played fast football throughout, and placing himself on Mucklow in the final term, had a de-

wing to pass to Stokes a single resulting, and a non-stop Port rush from the kick-in, took the ball to the river end, where Waye's lightning snap raised the flag, and left Port three points in arrears.

Snell received a heavy jar, but was soon up again, and Port's following cheered lustily when Dayman gathered the ball above a goalfrost cluster, and punted through just nine minutes from the bell.

Connell's great mark was followed by a point at easy distance, and system was discarded as the men threw themselves in recklessly to the surging crushes as the ball was forced all over the arena.

A quick movement around the gate wing caught Port's defenders in disarray, and Bennetts held unopposed. Only three minutes remained as West's sturdy forward scored his fourth goal and swung the lead to the red-and-black, and after Stokes had failed to clinch the game with a shot immediately following, Port went within an ace of snatching a last minute win.

Striking away from centre wing, Mucklow got within range. Taking the shot at full speed, the ball turned away out of bounds, and clearing to centre, West kept the ball away until the bell ended a grand fight, in which the thrilling climax made ample amends for the disappointment of not seeing the issue decided on a safe turf.

Quarter scores:—  
First—West Adelaide, 2.2.  
Port Adelaide, 1.2.  
Half-time—West Adelaide, 3.5.  
Port Adelaide, 2.5.  
Third—West Adelaide, 5.10.  
Port Adelaide, 4.8.  
Final—West Adelaide, 6.12.  
Port Adelaide, 6.8.

GOALKICKERS:—WEST—E. J. Bennetts (4), Whitford, and Stokes. PORT—Dayman (2), Betts, Galliford, Quinn, and Waye.

finite bearing on the result.

Connell followed solidly, and was ably assisted by Bennett, the best of the others being Collins, Matthews, and Hale. Stokes and Lawn showed the need of match practice, and both should be benefited by the outing.

Maywald and R. Johnson can be bracketed as Port's best performers. The former gave a safe display of 'keeping, and Johnson's faultless ground handling turned many attacks. Graves is rapidly approaching front rank among the wingers, and Keal's experience made him one of the most reliable in the side. Evergreen Mucklow led numerous attacks from the right flanks. He retains his pace and ability exceptionally.

Quinn roved smartly in the first half, and Allingham also frequently noticed for solid defensive skill. Eden again impressed as a champion in the making, and Dayman, although totally unsuited

### POSITIONS UNALTERED

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Port	5	1	563	378	10
Norwood	4	2	470	396	8
Sturt	4	2	428	441	8
Glennelg	4	2	468	496	8
West	3	3	432	381	6
North	2	4	451	509	4
Torrens	1	5	418	470	2
South	1	5	452	611	2

### Leading Goalkickers

Margittich, South, 5	34
Owens, Glennelg, 5	26
Bennetts, West, 4	23
Troughton, Torrens, 2	22
Farmer, North, 1	21
Logan, Port, —	20
Mutton, Norwood, 4	17
Dayman, Port, 2	17
Sims, Sturt, —	12
Quinn, Port, 1	11
Whitford, West, 1	11

## GLENELG'S LAST QUARTER BURST

Exciting Pull-Up Gives Them 8 Points Win Against West Torrens

### GOAL SCORED AFTER LAST BELL

(BY M. R. L.)

GLENELG'S eight-point win against Torrens provided the match with a thrilling finish, as close as it was unexpected. It was the result of a great last-quarter burst.



J. Sexton

At three-quarter time Glennelg were apparently a beaten side. They were three goals behind, playing raggedly, and being beaten by Torrens in nearly every race for the ball. The last quarter saw them revived. Dashing in furiously, and straining every muscle, they rattled on three goals almost before Torrens realised



R. Ward

that the ball had been bounced. Those few minutes won the game. When Torrens recovered from the shock they fought back gamely, but Glennelg forced through two more points, and for 15 minutes play surged between the half-back lines, with neither side able to break through.

It was all force and confusion, relieved by little skill, but the state of the game made it intensely interesting. Two minutes before time Owens kicked Glennelg's ninth goal, giving them a lead of 8 points.

Torrens made a final effort amid great excitement, and goaled. Time was against them, as there was less than half a minute when the ball was bounced again. Glennelg forced it down, and Owens marked a second before the bell. The match was won, and his goal added to Glennelg's delight.

Considering the state of the ground and the ball it was good football, and Hill, showing discretion, umpired it well. At the start there were pools of water in several places, but the ground dried quickly, and after half-time, with the exception of the centre, it was in fair condition. There was fine marking and kicking with the sodden ball, and occasionally

### TORRENS ADAPTED THEMSELVES TO WET GAME

Torrens played the wet weather game better than their opponents, disposing of the ball smartly, and kicking off the ground when necessary. They led at the end of every quarter, but the one which counted. They were superior in the ruck, where their followers got many clean knocks, and much of their forward play in the second and third quarters was clever, men leading out for short passes to get a kick at goal after the ball had been forced past centre.

Their defence was sound, but they were swept off their feet by Glennelg's last quarter onslaught, and gave the impression that they were not trained to see out a hard game on such a day. Inac-

two or three men co-operated cleverly to extricate the ball from scrummages and tight corners.

Glennelg's vigorous finish came as a surprise at the end of the first wet match this season, and the solid going of one or two of their plodders was a wonderful asset when their opponents tired. For three quarters they were outdashed, and beaten in the finer points of the game, but at the end their vigour was irresistible.

They clung to the ball far too much, often losing it, and much of their kicking was aimless. Quick disposal was the game, for running with it slowed the pace, allowed forwards to be covered, and induced merely hard slogging in the packs. Their superiority across the centre was a valuable asset, but their half-forward line was outclassed, being outmarked and beaten by the superior anticipation of the Torrens' backs.

curate kicking was to be expected with a slippery ball, but two goals from eight shots, some of them close up, in the second quarter, handicapped them.

Quarter scores:—  
First—Glennelg, 1.3.  
Torrens, 2.4.  
Half-time—Glennelg, 4.5.  
Torrens, 4.10.  
Third—Glennelg, 5.6.  
Torrens, 7.13.  
Final—Glennelg, 10.9.  
Torrens, 8.13.

Goalkickers:—GLENELG—Owens (5), Thompson (2), C. Drew, Winkler, K. Olliver; TORRENS—Troughton, Knight (2), Lampe, Head, Phillips, Bertram.

### GLENELG CENTRE LINE WAS EFFECTIVE

Glennelg's strongest division was the centre line, where Barbary and Sexton were the stars. Barbary was altogether too accomplished for his opponent, and covered a lot of ground. His handling of the ball was excellent, both in the air and on the ground, and, unlike others on the side, he never failed with his kick.

Sexton seldom clashed with Broderick individually, as he ranged from half-back to half-forward. His ground play was sure and careful, his marking safe, and he played a big part in Glennelg's match-winning burst.

On the other wing Hill was cool and clever, often outwitting his man by clever dodging, and putting the ball in with good direction.

Handby and Sallis were the best of the defence. Handby's determination in ground play was outstanding. He got the ball away from apparently impossible positions, and took several wonderful marks. Sallis was less conspicuous, but his interceptions and sound marking stood Glennelg in good stead when Torrens had the breeze in the first and third quarters.

Olliver (in goal) showed marked improvement, and W. Hill was a great plodder, who steadied many of Torrens' rushes. Winkler, Thompson, and Owens earned

their places forward, Owens getting a wonderful snap in the second quarter. Wiese and Griffiths also did well.

Torrens had two fine defenders in Ward and Osborn, with Ward a shade the better. He marked as well as anyone, and displayed remarkable anticipation, particularly in the third quarter, in which he and Osborn badly outpointed the Glennelg forwards.

Osborn was unostentatious but most effective at every stage of the game, and showed his opponents many points in getting into position when the ball came in the air. In ground play he was dashing, though not fast.

Hine was brilliant in the first half, often putting the ball past centre with determined rushes from the goal.

At centre Broderick handled the ball a great deal, and was as useful to his side as Sexton. He adapted himself to conditions better than others, and seldom failed in marking. He kicked strongly.

Troughton and Sinecock were three useful forwards. Hocking and W. Williamson followed well, and Phillips roved with his customary skill and energy.

Transferred from defence Knight established himself as a good type of forward.

by conditions, gave ample proof that he has lost none of his form. Wade was not so good as usual, and Galliford played his game in patches.

Umpire Currie made no allowance for the state of the ground in interpreting the holding the ball rule, frequently penalising men before they had a possible chance of getting a foot to it.

### Where Spectators Went

	Saturday	Monday
Adelaide	5,500	14,000
Norwood	10,200	2,500
Adelaide		14,000
Glennelg		2,500
	32,200	£1,599